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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

25X1 SUBJECT : Briefing by [redacted] on COINS Status

25X1 1. [redacted] assisted by [redacted] presented a status report or work on COINS and financial and planning projections, on 20 June 1973 in the IC Staff conference room. Attendees are listed in Attachment A.

2. The immediate purpose of the meeting was to reach a conclusion with respect to the possible use of [redacted] of FY-73 funds being held separately in CIA's budget "for expenses related to the development of an agreed interagency plan for a computer-based information exchange to be implemented in 1974 and subsequent years" (IHC-MM-338, 16 August 1972 (S); DCI letter to ASD(I) dated 22 September 1972, DCI/IC 72-0735/1 (S). At the end of this meeting the conclusion was stated by [redacted]

25X1 and agreed to by [redacted] that FY-73 funds could not be productively used at this point. The continuing need for funding for COINS was recognized; further IC Staff study and proposals will be forthcoming.

25X1 3. The materials at Attachment B were used by [redacted] and [redacted] in their briefing. They depict the existing COINS network and possible modifications, and identify some cost parameters and problem areas for the future. His Communication Working Group's report on COINS networking is to be completed for agency review in July.

25X1 4. [redacted] orally summarized the actions taken since the issuance of the ASD(I) report of 1 February 1973 to implement its recommendations. Attachment C is his written summary, prepared at my request following the meeting.

5. The future technical alternatives for COINS II appear sufficiently diverse and complex as to warrant continuing monitoring by DCI/IC, possibly by the designation of an individual with those specific responsibilities. My own assignment at present runs only to the review of substantive files that are potential candidates for the COINS system.

25X1 6. [redacted] hat he should be prepared to provide a similar but less technical briefing subsequently in an IRAC forum.

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